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(Continuation of The angel of the Lord)

The Angel of the Lord or the Angel of God or the Angel of Jehovah, which is the Old Testament Τηροπηωνιχ Mediator or what we called Χηριστοπηωνψ. Χηριστοπηωνψ is the visible physical appearance of the Second Person of the Godhead who assumed the human form.

The Angel of the Lord is a distinct personal Self-manifestation of God, Who is called the Incarnate Logos [Judges 2:1]. The Angel of the Lord is unique and distinct from God yet introduced Himself as the Deity. He had the same specific personality of angels but superior in rank and distinguishable from angels in general.

The Angel of The Lord spoke with divine authority as though He was God Himself [John 1:1-14], unlike the angels who are under divine authority. He had the authority to forgive sins [Exodus 23:31], and had direct authority to execute divine order. He is the Guardian Angel of the chosen nation –Israel [Isaiah 63:7].

The Angel of the Lord did not appear on earth while Jesus was in the flesh, the one who appeared before the shepherds was probably the archangel Gabriel, referred to only as the “angel of the Lord” by the writer of Luke [Luke 2:9].

The public appearance of the Angel of the Lord made a turning point in human history. He was there in the founding of the chosen race; He was there in the deliverance of Israel from Egypt, in the founding of the Theocratic government in Mt. Sinai, in leading the Hebrews into settlement the Promise Land and in the founding of Solomon’s temple.

The Angel of the Lord supported Elijah in preserving monotheism by destroying the 450 prophets of Baal and the 600 prophets of Ασηροαη. During the Babylonian captivity the Angel of the Lord protected the children of Israel.

The Angel of the Lord helped and encouraged Hagar [Genesis 16:7, 21:17] during her ordeal. He stopped the sacrifice of Abraham and prior to this, visited and warned Abraham [Genesis 18:1-, 22:11-15]. He assisted Ελιεζερ in searching in searching for a wife for his son Isaac [Genesis 24:7, 40]. He gave instruction to Jacob [Genesis 31:11-15], He appeared to Moses and later delivered to him the 10 Commandments [Exodus 3:6-10]. The Angel of the Lord led and served as the Commander of the Israelite army [Joshua 5:14, 6:2] and as the King of the chosen nation for many years [1 Samuel 8:7].

Note: Angels are always spoken of the masculine gender-there is no feminine form of the word. Angels appeared to believers prior to the completion of the canon of the Bible but ceased after the completion of the Canon. Angels appeared to men and women of God, never to kids.

Angels appeared to people in human forms but without wings. The Bible recorded the appearance of angels in form of adults male not in appearance of little children.

Angels appeared to some Old Testament saints but no one had actually seen a χηρυβιμσ ανδ σεραπημ except in dreams or vision. Only 2 Old Testament characters had these kinds of vision.

The Bible called the Θεοπηανιχ Christ as the Angel of the Lord, and that term is exclusively used for the Lord Jesus. The Bible uses the term angel for angel, the term cherubim for cherubim, and seraphim for seraphim. The Angel of the Lord is not just an angel, not a seraph and not a cherub. He was the pre-incarnate Christ.

The term “Angel of the Lord” was a language of accommodation for man to understand the spiritual matter.